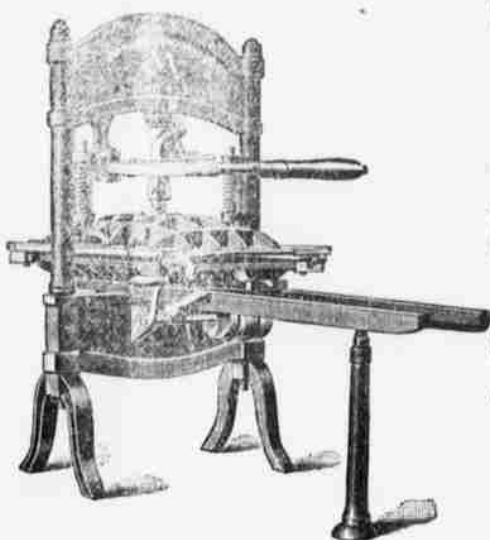
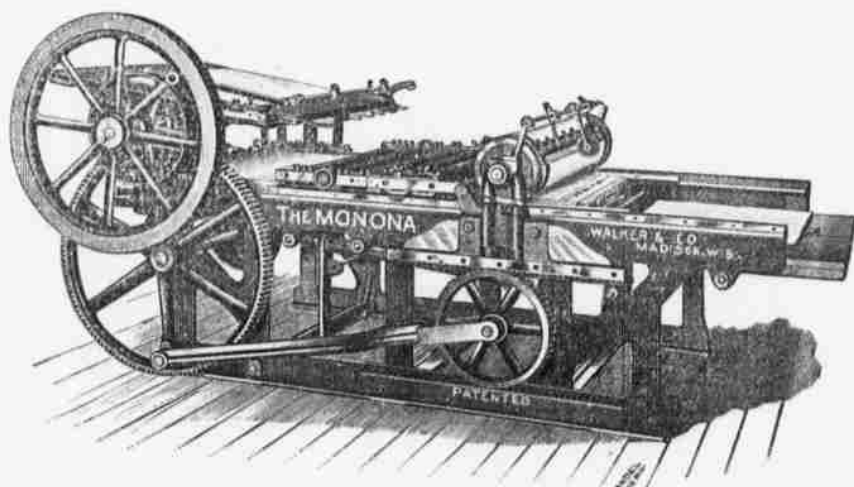


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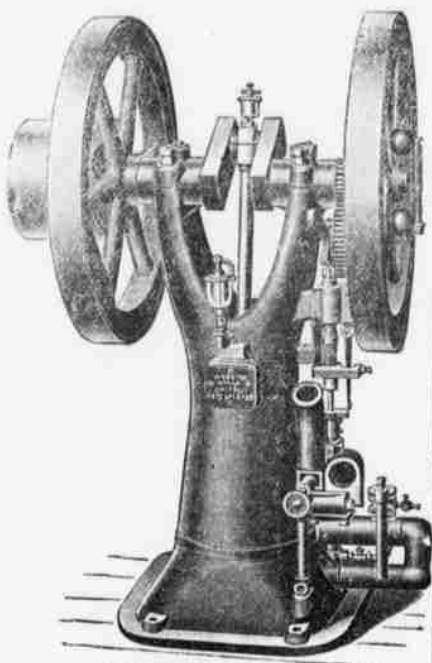
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Our Six Column New Leverless Monona.



Our "Boss" Paper Cutter.



Our Webster Gasoline Engine.

Just About Ourselves.

The DEMOCRAT would not do its thousands of readers justice, if, in this Christmas Number, it did not, at least, give them some idea of its home. Pictures can, perhaps, tell the story better than words. But few people, except those engaged in the newspaper business, have any idea of what it takes to equip a good country newspaper office or the amount of money that it takes to pay the expenses of the office. The DEMOCRAT is proud to say that it is now equipped with good machinery, latest type faces, etc., and has an office that is a credit to Monroe City. We are prepared to do any kind of printing from a small card to a complete book; and do the work in a neat, workmanlike manner. At any time we will take pleasure in showing you samples of our work.

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STRIVING AND FAILING.

Life is not designed to minister to a man's vanity. He goes upon his long business most of the time with a hanging head, and all the time like a blind child. Full of rewards and pleasures as it is, so that to see the day break, or the moon rise, or to meet a friend, or to hear the dinner call when he is hungry, fills him with surprising joys,—this world is yet for him no abiding city: Friendships fall through, health fails, weariness assails him; year after year he must thumb the hardly varying record of his own weakness and folly. It is a friendly process of detachment. When the time comes that he should go, there need be few illusions left about himself. "Here lies one who meant well, tried a little, failed much,"—surely that may be his epitaph, of which he need not be ashamed.—Robert Louis Stevenson in a "Christmas Sermon."

A GREAT 57 CENTS WORTH.

This is frequently called "woman's century," and the appellation becomes significant when one considers the difference in woman's position today from what it was a hundred years ago. She is rapidly becoming a force in the business world, as well as in the world of art and letters, yet her home interests have not seemed to suffer in consequence, as may be proven by the increase in publications for the homemaker during the past few years. "The Housekeeper," established in 1877, was one of the first journals to recognize woman's demand for a periodical devoted to progressive methods in housekeeping. "Helpful, Instructive and Progressive" has always been its motto. It is a thirty-six page monthly, beautifully illustrated with half-tone plates, and full of good things from cover to cover. It tells the homemaker how to cook, how to dress, how to care for her babies, how to raise flowers and chickens, and how to do many other things, and it also keeps her fairly well informed concerning current events, besides giving a large amount of good fiction and special articles on timely topics. Upwards of 140,000 subscribers pronounce it to be the best of the "domestic" magazines. It is certainly a wonderful 50 cents' worth.

A COOK BOOK FREE.

The Housekeeper also publishes the famous "Buckeye Cookery," which has proven a boon to thousands of housewives. It is a standard up-to-date illustrated work of 540 large pages. More than 750,000 copies have been sold by subscription at \$1.75 per copy. The publishers will give a free copy of this book, bound in strong leather paper covers, to all who subscribe for the magazine, provided they will pay the cost of mailing, which is seven cents. Send 57 cents for the Housekeeper and "Buckeye Cookery." Address is Minneapolis, Minn.

A notable feature of The Outlook for December 2d is an article called "Through Filipino Eyes." This is an authorized interview with the President of the Filipino Junta at Hong Kong, obtained by Mr. Phelps Whitmarsh, the special representative of The Outlook in the Philippine Islands. It is the first authoritative statement of the official position of the Filipino leaders published in an American newspaper, (\$3.00 a year. The Outlook Company, New York.)

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HELP THE POOR.

The St. Louis Provident Association is doing much good in caring for the deserving poor of the Missouri metropolis and it deserves the aid of all. It makes a special effort to give the poor a good, wholesome Christmas dinner. Meat is high and it is almost impossible for the Association to buy meat on the market for all the deserving ones. In the years 1897 and 1898 the people of this vicinity assisted the Association by furnishing several fine Missouri rabbits. It will be impossible for us to do that this year. Let us suggest that some newspaper, in a locality where rabbits are plentiful this year, take up the matter and present it to their people and they can materially assist in feeding some of God's poor. We are sure this would be done if it was only known how much the St. Louis poor and the Provident Association would appreciate it. If you cannot make such a donation for Christmas arrange for it later. It will help poor humanity and they will bless you.

JUDGING LIVE STOCK.

In the Short Course in Agricultural College at Columbia this winter special emphasis will be given to live-stock husbandry, and considerable time will be devoted to scoring and judging the different classes of live-stock, especially feeders and breeding cattle.

No Agricultural College has ever been able to offer such facilities for studying the different breeds and for judging and scoring live-stock as we shall be able to offer this winter to the students in this course. It is also true that no breeding establishment in the country is able to offer such facilities. There are now more than 300 pure-bred cattle on the farm, representing some of the finest types of the Hereford, Short-horn, Angus, Devon, Red Poll and Jersey breeds. Some of these cattle have been in the show ring and won against the fiercest competition.

The students will therefore have an opportunity to study carefully the best types of these different breeds. These cattle are at the College being inoculated against Texas fever, and will be used also in connection with the work in Veterinary Science. No young man proposing to handle live-stock can afford under any circumstances to miss the opportunity offered here this winter. If you want further information write H. J. Waters, Dean, Columbia, Mo.

Prosperity has struck the printers and newspaper publishers very forcibly. The trusts have advanced the price of paper of all grades from 25 to 50 per cent and we have yet to hear of a print shop that has been able to raise the price of job printing or newspaper subscription. We hope there is not a newspaper man in the entire nation who is foolish enough to vote for four more years of "McKinley prosperity."

CUT BY THE GLASS COMBINE.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 8.—The American Window Glass Co., is reported to have made a cut of 33 1-3 per cent in the price of all window glass, effective last Wednesday, and to have ordered fires lighted in all its factories, the purpose being to resume operations about Jan. 1. This movement is considered a declaration of war on the independent manufacturers.

No trumpet blast profaned
The hour in which the Prince of
Peace was born;

No bloody streamlet stained
Earth's silver rivers on that
sacred morn;

But, o'er the peaceful plain,
The war-horse drew the peasant's
ended wain.

—William Cullen Bryant.

Rev. Hawkins, colored, went to Monroe City last Saturday expecting to remain over Sunday and conduct religious service as he has been in the habit of doing. Some one started the report that he was the latest thing from Paris. The rest is best told in his own language. He said: "That marshal was after me so hot that I just thought the best thing I could do was to get on the 6 o'clock train and come home; and I did it."—Shelbina Democrat.

Amos D. Nance, of near Victor, was in the city Friday and Saturday attending to business and visiting his mother and other relatives. He returned home Sunday and will leave for Texas in a few days to reside in the future.

The holiest of all holidays are those

Kept by ourselves in silence and apart;

The secret anniversaries of the heart,

When the full river of feeling overflows;—

The happy days unclouded to their close;

The sudden joys that out of darkness start

As flames from ashes; swift desires that dart

Like swallows singing down each wind that blows!

—Longfellow.

The custom of employing holly and other plants for decorative purposes at Christmas is one of considerable antiquity and has been regarded as a survival of the usages of the Roman Saturnalia, or of an old Teutonic practice of hanging the interior of dwellings with evergreens as a refuge for sylvan spirits from the inclemency of winter.—Britannica.

A close investigation into the question of federal taxation will reveal the fact that nearly all the tax money comes out of the bone and sinew of the nation and the struggler after bread.—Winchester (Ill.) Times.

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